Dear Parents and Guardians:

Hello, my name is **Thomas Sauer**, and I want to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to the 2011-2012 school year at Oak Ridge High School. This is my first year teaching at ORHS and I am a graduate from the school, Class of 1991. I understand the history and tradition of excellence which is the standard here and I will impart the necessary skills and knowledge your child will need to be successful. I have a BA in History and a MS in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Tennessee, 15 years teaching experience teaching in South Carolina and Tennessee schools, and I am National Board Certified in History.

 I will be teaching **CIVICS** which is a combination of government and personal finance and is vital because it satisfies the state graduation requirements for these courses. This course is designed to provide students with a practical study of the functions and workings of the United States Government and how individual choices directly influence occupational goals and future earnings potential. Three sections of the class will be team taught with Mr. Sam Roberts who has 25 years of experience.

A course syllabus will be sent with your child outlining rubrics and standards. Please feel free to contact me **anytime** with concerns or questions about your child and my class.

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Again, I want to convey my excitement and enthusiasm I have for the upcoming year. I look forward to working with you and your child.

Sincerely,

Thomas Sauer

Civics Teacher

National Board Certified Social Studies

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